

Botany fit passes off quite harmlessly - In relinquishing my ambition in that direction I have the slightest inclination to make a "demerit damp body" of myself like poor Hall - But I certainly shall make of Botany henceforth simply a recreation - I like the by-ways well enough - and will be glad always to help others as far as I am able -

With all Christmas good wishes

Believe me
Sincerely yours
M. S. Peck

Fountaindale Ills
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Prof. A. Gray

Dear Sir

Thanks for a copy of your recent "Botanical Contributions" I am very glad indeed to be the recipient of such favors,

Paterfamilias can scarcely command his own time at this season but so soon as the hurrah of the Holidays is past I intend to go to work in earnest and make up a few bundles of plants for botanical friends